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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE BUDGET SESSION, 1115

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10th Karkadagam 1115

The Council met in the Council Hall, Ernakulam, at Eleven of the Clock with the Hon'ble the President (SIR SHANMUKHAM CHETTY, K. C. I. E.), in the Chair.

Messrs. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan, P. Govinda Menon, and H. J. Walmesley were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

TANK IN SURVEY No. 89 IN KAKKULISSERI VILLAGE—PRESERVATION OF

51. Mr. P. K. Madhava Menon *(Narakkal):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the tank in Survey No. 89 in Kakkulisseri village has also been used as a reservoir for irrigating a large area of paddy fields on the eastern side of the tank for a long time even before the time of last Settlement;

(*b*) (1) what is the length of the water *chal* running across the *paramba* on the eastern side; (2) please also mention the length of the *chal* beginning at the eastern end of the *paramba* and running through the *nilams* giving connection to the tank;

(*c*) whether this tank is not considerably silted up;

(*d*) whether the occupants of the *parambas* on either side of the *chal* have made an attempt this year to nullify the utility of this *chal* as a water-course for irrigation;

(*e*) whether the Government will be pleased to see that this *chal* is preserved intact?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):*

(*a*) Yes.

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(*b*) (1) 2·20 chains.
(2) 36 chains roughly.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) A complaint to that effect was received. It has been found on enquiry to be baseless.

(*e*) Government cannot interfere, as the *chal* is private.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* May I know what is the extent of paddy fields that is being irrigated by this tank?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I want notice.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* Can I take it that it is sufficiently large?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I cannot say.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur):* In case it is sufficiently large, has the Government any objection to acquire this *chal* and make use of it for irrigation purposes? It will be only a small area.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* It is a private *chal.* Can we introduce a system of taking up all private *chals* by the Government?

Mr. M. K. Devasy *(Adur):* My point is this. If the paddy fields are sufficiently extensive and if this tank will serve the purpose of irrigating those fields, is it not better that we acquire such a small area covering the *chal*?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* I have not got all the details. Anyway, I shall investigate into the question and see whether your suggestions can be put into effect.

MARKETING OFFICERS—WORK OF

52. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of Marketing officers or Marketing Inspectors employed in the State service;

(*b*) what is the nature of work these officers do at present;

(*c*) when were these posts created; the grade of pay of these officers;

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